

ClaimsWhat is claimed is:

- 1 1. A computer controlled user interactive display system
2 with a graphical user interface comprising:
3 means for storing a plurality of application
4 programs;
5 a plurality of displayed objects, each
6 representative of one of said application programs;
7 means enabling a user to interactively select any of
8 said displayed objects to thereby run the application
9 program represented by the object;
10 means for tracking the rates of unrequested
11 interruptions in the runs of each of said application
12 programs; and
13 means associated with each of said objects for
14 displaying a visual indicator of the rate of unrequested
15 interruption in the run of the application program
16 represented by the object.
- 1 2. The computer controlled user interactive display
2 system of claim 1 wherein said unrequested interruptions
3 are closings in the runs of said application programs.
- 1 3. The computer controlled user interactive display
2 system of claim 2 wherein said displayed objects are
3 icons.
- 1 4. The computer controlled user interactive display
2 system of claim 3 wherein said visual indicator comprises
3 a set of colors, each color in the set indicating a rate
4 level of said unrequested closing.

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1 5. The computer controlled user interactive display
2 system of claim 4 wherein said visual indicator of said
3 color is in the form of a band around the icon.

1 6. The computer controlled user interactive display
2 system of claim 4 wherein a plurality of the stored
3 application programs represented by said icons are
4 different versions of the same application program.

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- 1 7. In a computer controlled user interactive display
2 system with a graphical user interface, a method for
3 indicating the stability of application programs used in
4 the system comprising:
5 storing a plurality of application programs;
6 displaying a plurality of objects, each
7 representative of one of said application programs;
8 enabling a user to interactively select any of said
9 displayed objects to thereby run the application program
10 represented by the object;
11 tracking the rates of unrequested interruptions in
12 the running of each of said application programs; and
13 displaying, in association with each of said
14 objects, a visual indicator of the rate of unrequested
15 interruption in the running of the application program
16 represented by the object.
- 1 8. The method of claim 7 wherein said unrequested
2 interruptions are closings in the runs of said
3 application programs.
- 1 9. The method of claim 8 wherein said displayed objects
2 are icons.
- 1 10. The method of claim 9 wherein said visual indicator
2 comprises a set of colors, each color in the set
3 indicating a rate level of said unrequested closing.
- 1 11. The method of claim 10 wherein said visual indicator
2 of said color is in the form of a band around the icon.

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- 1 12. The method of claim 10 wherein a plurality of the
- 2 stored application programs represented by said icons are
- 3 different versions of the same application program.

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1 13. A computer program having program code included on a
2 computer readable medium for indicating the stability of
3 an application program used in a computer controlled user
4 interactive display system with a graphical user
5 interface comprising:

6 means for storing a plurality of application
7 programs;

8 a plurality of displayed objects, each
9 representative of one of said application programs;

10 means enabling a user to interactively select any of
11 said displayed objects to thereby run the application
12 program represented by the object;

13 means for tracking the rates of unrequested
14 interruptions in the runs of each of said application
15 programs; and

16 means associated with each of said objects for
17 displaying a visual indicator of the rate of unrequested
18 interruption in the run of the application program
19 represented by the object.

1 14. The computer program of claim 13 wherein said
2 unrequested interruptions are closings in the runs of
3 said application programs.

1 15. The computer program of claim 14 wherein said
2 displayed objects are icons.

1 16. The computer program of claim 15 wherein said visual
2 indicator comprises a set of colors, each color in the
3 set indicating a rate level of said unrequested closing.

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1 17. The computer program of claim 16 wherein said visual
2 indicator of said color is in the form of a band around
3 the icon.

1 18. The computer program of claim 16 wherein a plurality
2 of the stored application programs represented by said
3 icons are different versions of the same application
4 program.

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